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WORLD BANK SURVEY REGARDING DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent survey conducted by the World Bank,Delhi`s water management and its availability has been ranked as the worst in the cities surveyed by the Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has made any serious efforts to study the water supply problems in the National Capital Region in order to improve the quality and quantity of the Delhi`s water supply; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): No,Sir.The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has informed that a study was conducted by Price Water House Cooper in the year 2003-04.In the study, no ranking was given to Delhi`s water management.

(c)&(d): The study conducted by Tata consulting Engineers,advised construction of 53 additional Under Ground Reservoirs(UGRs) and Booster Pumping Stations (BPSs) in Delhi for rationalizing the water supply to different areas of National Capital.About 14 of these Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs) are already commissioned.Another 9 Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs) are likely to be commissioned this year.After commissioning of the Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs), the supply of water shall be made through the Under Ground Reservoirs (UGRs) and the direct tappings from the trunk mains shall be removed.

Besides for improving water management, Delhi Jal Board has already placed a supply order for 305 bulk meters to be installed on all the major distribution points and after installation of these bulk meters, a precise water accounting would be possible and the non revenue water identified area-wise.

The incidence of Non Revenue Water is also because of poor metering.In absence of meters, the supply is being billed on flat rate basis and under this system the water billed is much less than the actually being consumed.Steps for procurement of domestic meters have been initiated.

DJB has also engaged a Consultant for survey and preparation of document for out-sourcing maintenance including leakage management of water mains (about 500 Kms.long).It is expected that leakages from water mains shall be efficiently managed after award of this work.

Various other short-term/long-term measures taken/proposed to be taken to enhance the water availability in Delhi include construction of independent lined canal from Munak to Haiderpur,construction of recycling plants,development of tube-wells in the National Capital Region,additional allocation from surplus Ravi Beas water, construction of up-stream storage projects etc.